
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

PART I

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the kupuna care program was enacted in 1999 to address the needs of Hawaii's aging population and the issues arising from those needs. The kupuna care program is considered to be an alternative to traditional long-term care options. The goal of kupuna care is to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. The legislature further finds that the kupuna care program provides access to affordable and quality home- and community-based services, including hot meals, transportation, case management, and personal care assistance. Services offered by the kupuna care program provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers.

The legislature further finds that the State's aging and disability resource center is a person centered process intended to navigate and streamline access to long-term services and supports for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and



1 family caregivers. The legislature additionally finds that
2 proper funding for the aging and disability resource center is
3 essential to ensure the center is an effective single point of
4 entry for individuals seeking information about appropriate
5 long-term care options. Ensuring the availability of services
6 once a consumer receives a referral, such as those offered
7 through the kupuna care program, is also critical to the success
8 of the aging and disability resource center.

9 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support
10 the State's kupuna care program and aging and disability
11 resource center.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
16 2016-2017 for the kupuna care program; provided that the sums
17 appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the
18 executive office on aging.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
20 of health for the purposes of this part.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
2 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
3 2016-2017 for the aging and disability resource center.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
5 of health for the purposes of this part.

6 **PART II**

7 SECTION 4. Section 349-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "[+]§349-3.2[+] **Alzheimer's disease and related dementia**
10 **services coordinator.** There is established within the executive
11 office on aging an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia
12 services coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and
13 private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. [The
14 ~~coordinator shall be appointed by the director in accordance~~
15 ~~with chapters 76 and 89.~~]"

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
20 2016-2017 for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia
21 services coordinator position.



1 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
2 of health for the purposes of this part.

3 **PART III**

4 SECTION 6. The legislature finds that every year in
5 Hawaii, on average eighty-five seniors die, 1,960 are
6 hospitalized, and 8,700 are treated in emergency departments as
7 a result of falls. Falls among the elderly also result in
8 almost \$1,200,000 in hospital and physician charges. In
9 recognition of this critical public health issue, Act 153,
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, established a fall prevention and
11 early detection coordinator position within the department of
12 health's emergency medical services and injury prevention system
13 branch. This position enables the department of health to
14 support a coordinated statewide approach to prevent and reduce
15 the impact of falls among older adults.

16 The purpose of this part is to assure a continued focus on
17 fall prevention in Hawaii, which will ultimately result in
18 longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.

19 SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
22 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2016-2017 for fall prevention and early detection services for
2 the elderly.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of health for the purposes of this part.

5 **PART IV**

6 SECTION 8. The legislature finds that the Hawaii healthy
7 aging partnership was established in 2003 to improve the health
8 status of older adults by empowering residents to make healthy
9 decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its
10 formation, the healthy aging partnership has successfully
11 adapted evidence-based health promotion programs and disease
12 prevention programs for the multicultural population in Hawaii.
13 The legislature further finds that participants who complete
14 workshops offered by the healthy aging partnership feel better,
15 are less limited by their health conditions, and often spend
16 less time at their doctor's office. The legislature also finds
17 that the healthy aging partnership received the 2013
18 Multicultural Aging Award from the American Society on Aging.
19 This award brought national recognition for the healthy aging
20 partnership's critical role in improving the health of Hawaii's
21 multiethnic elderly population.



1 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support
2 the healthy aging partnership program and its important role in
3 improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

4 SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
7 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
8 2016-2017 for the healthy aging partnership program of the
9 department of health's executive office on aging.

10 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
11 of health for the purposes of this part.

12 **PART V**

13 SECTION 10. The legislature finds that one in every three
14 seniors who die each year has Alzheimer's disease or related
15 dementia. In Hawaii, a total of twenty-five thousand
16 individuals over age sixty-five have been diagnosed with
17 Alzheimer's disease - a statistic that will increase by forty
18 per cent by 2025. This does not reflect those under age sixty-
19 five who have dementia or those who are undiagnosed. An
20 estimated sixty to eighty per cent of those living with
21 cognitive impairment are not diagnosed. It is imperative for



1 the public to be aware of the importance of early detection and
2 accurate diagnosis for Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

3 The legislature further finds that the public awareness and
4 communication subcommittee of the statewide task force on
5 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia made the key
6 recommendation calling for a public awareness campaign that
7 utilizes various media sources to positively promote adults with
8 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with dignity and
9 respect and highlight caregivers as compassionate individuals
10 who champion the health and well-being of their loved ones.

11 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general
12 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
13 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the
14 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
15 2016-2017 to establish and carryout an Alzheimer's disease and
16 related dementia public awareness campaign that will utilize
17 various media sources to positively promote adults with
18 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with dignity and
19 respect and highlight caregivers as compassionate individuals
20 who champion the health and well-being of their loved ones.

21 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
22 of health for the purposes of this part.



PART VI

SECTION 12. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken.

SECTION 13. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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Report Title:

Kupuna Caucus; Kupuna Care; Aging and Disability Resource Center; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Services Coordinator; Fall Prevention and Early Detection Services; Healthy Aging Partnership; Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Public Awareness Campaign; Appropriation

Description:

Part I: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program and an aging and disability resource center. Part II: Removes hiring requirement by director of health in accordance with chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Part III: Appropriates funds for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates funds to support the healthy aging partnership program. Part V: Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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